TRANSFORMATION OF SENTENCE

Exclamatory → Assertive

What is an Exclamatory Sentence?

An exclamatory sentence shows **strong feeling** such as joy, sorrow, surprise, anger, etc. It ends with an **exclamation mark (!)**.

E.g.

- What a beautiful day!
- How brave he is!

What is an Assertive Sentence?

An assertive sentence is a **normal statement**. It ends with a **full stop (.)**.

E.g.

- It is a very beautiful day.
- He is very brave.

Rule 1: Replace "What" or "How" with "very"

Most exclamatory sentences use **What** or **How**. In assertive form, replace them with **very**.

E.g.

What a beautiful flower!
It is a **very** beautiful flower.
How brave the soldier is!
The soldier is **very** brave.

Rule 2: Use correct subject and verb

Sometimes you must add **It is / He is / She is**.

E.g.

What a terrible storm!
It is a very terrible storm.

Rule 3:

a. Bravo – Praise **b.** Ah / Alas – Sadness
c. Hurrah – Joy **d.** Fie – Contempt

It is a matter of praise that we have done well.(Assertive)
Bravo ! We have done well. (Exclamatory)
It is a matter of contempt that you are a fraud.(Assertive)
Fie ! You are a fraud. (Exclamatory)
It is extremely sad that he lost his brother.(Assertive)
Alas ! He lost his brother. (Exclamatory)

Rule 4 :

I wish I were a bird. (Assertive)
a. Would that I were a bird ! (Exclamatory)
b. O that / Oh that I were a bird ! (Exclamatory)
c. If only I were a bird ! (Exclamatory)
I wish I could find my bag. (Assertive)
a. Would that I could find my bag! (Exclamatory)
b. O that / Oh that I could find my bag! (Exclamatory)
b. If only I could find my bag! (Exclamatory)

Practice Questions

Q1. What a magnificent palace the king has built near the river!
(a) The king built a very magnificent palace near the river.
(b) The palace built by the king near the river is magnificent.
(c) The king has built a very magnificent palace near the river.
(d) The king is building a magnificent palace near the river.

Q2. How beautifully the young dancer performed in front of the audience last night!
(a) The dancer performed beautifully in front of the audience last night.
(b) The dancer performed very beautifully in front of the audience last night.
(c) The dancer is performing beautifully in front of the audience last night.
(d) The dancer will perform tonight.

Q3. What an exciting cricket match we watched at the stadium yesterday evening!
(a) We watched a cricket match yesterday.
(b) We were watching a very exciting cricket match at the stadium yesterday evening.
(c) We watched an exciting cricket match at the stadium yesterday evening.
(d) We watched a very exciting cricket match at the stadium yesterday evening.

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Q4. How cleverly the thief escaped from the police despite tight security!
(a) The thief escaped cleverly from the police despite tight security.
(b) The thief escaped very cleverly from the police despite tight security.
(c) The thief was escaping very cleverly from the police despite tight security.
(d) The thief escaped cleverly.

Q5. What a wonderful speech the leader delivered at the national conference!
(a) The leader delivered a wonderful speech at the national conference.
(b) The leader delivered a wonderful speech.
(c) The speech delivered by the leader was wonderful.
(d) The leader delivered a very wonderful speech at the national conference.

Q6. How quickly the rescue team reached the accident site during the storm!
(a) The rescue team reached the accident site.
(b) The rescue team reached the accident site quickly during the storm.
(c) The rescue team reached the accident site very quickly during the storm.
(d) The rescue team is reaching the accident site during the storm.

Q7. How kind of you to help me in this difficult time!
(a) You are how kind to help me in this difficult time.
(b) It is very kind of you to help me in this difficult time.
(c) You are very kind person because you helped me.
(d) It was kind of you to help me in this difficult time.

Q8. Hurray! We have won the competition.
(a) It is nice that we won the match.
(b) It is matter of joy that we have won the match.
(c) We have finally won the match.
(d) It is good to know that we won the match.

Q9. Alas! His father died yesterday.
(a) I am sad that his father died yesterday.
(b) I am sad because his father died yesterday.
(c) It is extremely sad that his father died yesterday.
(d) He is sad because his father dies yesterday.

Q10. This is a very interesting movie.
(a) What an interesting movie this is!
(b) How an interesting movie this is!
(c) Hurray! It is an interesting movie.
(d) Wow! We liked the movie.

Q11. These delivery agents live a very miserable life.
(a) How a miserable life these delivery agents live!
(b) What a miserable life these delivery agents live!
(c) How can these delivery agents live a miserable life!
(d) What a miserable life these delivery agents lived!

Q12. If only he had told me his problems earlier!
(a) I wish he has told me his problems earlier.
(b) I wish he had told me his problems earlier.
(c) I wish he told me his problems earlier.
(d) I wish he could tell me his problems earlier.

Q13. This question is really stupid.
(a) How stupid this question is!
(b) Wow what a stupid question!
(c) I don't think that it is a valid question.
(d) How dare you ask this question?

Q14. All the members are dancing very gracefully.
(a) What a graceful dance all the members are showing!
(b) How gracefully are all the members dancing!
(c) How gracefully all the members are dancing!
(d) Wow they have danced gracefully!

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Q15. If only I had wings!
(a) I wish I had wings.
(b) I wish I had had wings.
(c) I wish I have wings.
(d) I had wish I had wings.

Q16. Would that I could find my lost watch!
(a) I want to find my lost watch.
(b) I would like if I find my lost watch.
(c) I wish I could find my lost watch.
(d) I wish I can find my lost watch.

Q17. Bravo ! You have topped the exam.
(a) It is a matter of praise that you have topped the exam.
(b) I like that you have topped the exam.
(c) You have topped the exam because you studied hard.
(d) What a performance you gave in the exam.

Q18. How beautifully the garden was decorated for the wedding ceremony!
(a) The garden was decorated beautifully for the wedding ceremony.
(b) The garden was decorated very beautifully for the wedding ceremony.
(c) The garden was decorated for the wedding ceremony.
(d) The garden is decorated.

Q19. A very terrible storm destroyed the small village near the coast.
(a) How a terrible storm destroyed the small village near the coast!
(b) Why a terrible storm destroyed the small village near the coast!
(c) What a terrible storm destroyed the small village near the coast!
(d) The village was destroyed by a very terrible storm!

Q20. What a player he was!
(a) He was a great player.
(b) I liked that player a lot.
(c) He was a very famous player of his time.
(d) He was a player of importance.

Answers

1.	**(c)**	**2.**	**(b)**	**3.**	**(d)**	**4.**	**(b)**	**5.**	**(d)**
6.	**(c)**	**7.**	**(b)**	**8.**	**(b)**	**9.**	**(c)**	**10.**	**(a)**
11.	**(b)**	**12.**	**(b)**	**13.**	**(a)**	**14.**	**(c)**	**15.**	**(a)**
16.	**(c)**	**17.**	**(a)**	**18.**	**(b)**	**19.**	**(c)**	**20.**	**(a)**

SIMPLE, COMPOUND AND COMPLEX SENTENCES

To understand the types of transformation of sentences we need to know the definition of THE Simple Sentence, Complex Sentence, and Compound Sentence.

Simple Sentence:
A simple sentence is a sentence that consists of just one independent clause.
E.g.
The value of exercise is great.
He confessed his fault.
I saw a wounded bird.

Compound Sentence:
A sentence which is a combination of two simple sentences of equal rank is called a compound sentence.
E.g.
- Karan went to market **and** bought some vegetables.
- We informed him about it **but** he failed to understand.
- You must not be late **or** you will be punished.

Complex Sentence:
A complex sentence is a sentence that contains an independent clause and one or more dependent clauses**.**
E.g.
- He confessed **that he was guilty of his illegal act.**
- I found the book **which I had lost.**
- The reply **which you have made** is foolish.

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- The man **who was caught by the police** was a thief.

Transforming Simple Sentences into Complex Sentences:

Converting Simple Sentences into Complex Sentences can be done easily by simply expanding a word or a phrase into a clause. Moreover, we can do the same thing when we want to change the Complex Sentences into Simple Sentences. And this can be done by eliminating a clause into a word or a phrase.

- He confessed **his crime.** (Simple sentence)
- He confessed **that he was guilty.** (Complex sentence)

Here we expanded the noun 'his crime' into the noun clause 'that he was guilty'

- He bought his **uncle's factory.** (Simple sentence)
- He bought the factory **that belonged to his uncle**.

Here we expanded the noun phrase 'his uncle's factory' into the adjective clause 'that belonged to his uncle'.

Rule: 1:

"Present participle" in a simple sentence, can be converted into complex sentence by adding **"when/as"** in the first half of the sentence.

- **Simple Sentence:** Closing the door, I went back to school.
- **Complex Sentence:** When I closed the door, I went back to school.

Rule: 2

"Being/ Verb+ing" in a simple sentence, can be converted into a complex sentence by adding "as/since" at the first half of the sentence.

- Simple Sentence: After winning a beauty contest she cried.
- Complex Sentence: As she won the beauty contest, she cried.

Rule: 3

"Too…to" in a simple sentence, can be converted into a complex sentence by adding **"so…that (negative)"**.

- **Simple Sentence:** He is too weak to carry the box.
- **Complex Sentence:** He is so weak that he cannot carry the box.

Rule: 4

"To + vb (infinitive) " in the simple sentence, can be converted into a complex sentence by adding **"so that"** in the sentence.

- **Simple sentence:** We eat to live.
- **Complex Sentence:** We eat so that we can live.

Rule: 5

In the simple sentence **"in spite of/ despite",** can be converted into the complex sentence by adding **"though/ although"** in the sentence.

- **Simple Sentence:** In spite of being rich, she is hard working.
- **Complex Sentence:** Though she is rich, she is hard working.

Rule: 6

"Because of" in the simple sentence, can be converted to the complex sentence by adding **"since/as"** at the beginning of the sentence.

- **Simple Sentence:** Because of his illness, he could not join the meeting.
- **Complex Sentence:** Since he was ill, he could not join the meeting.

Rule: 7

"Subject + verb + object + present participle" type of simple sentence, can be converted to the complex sentence by **"subject + verb + object + relative pronoun + be verb according to relative pronoun and tense + rest of the sentence"**.

Simple Sentence: I saw a bird flying.

Complex Sentence: I saw a bird which was flying.

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Rule: 8

If the simple sentence starts with **"without"**, can be converted into the complex sentence by adding **"if / in case + not or unless"**

- **Simple Sentence:** Without adding the sugar the dish will taste bad.
- **Complex Sentence:** If you do not add sugar the dish will taste bad.

Rule: 9

"at the time" in the simple sentence will be converted into **"when"** in the complex sentence.

- **Simple Sentence:** She woke up at the time of load shedding.
- **Complex Sentence:** She woke up when it was load shedding.

Rule: 10:

"adjective" in the simple sentence, will be converted into **"that/which +verb + adjective"** in the complex sentence.

Simple Sentence: It was a blue shirt.

Complex Sentence: It was a shirt which was blue.

Transformation of Sentences MCQs (Simple to Complex)

Q1. Hearing the sudden announcement, the passengers rushed towards the boarding gate.
(a) When the passengers heard the sudden announcement, they rushed towards the boarding gate.
(b) After hearing the sudden announcement, the passengers rushed towards the boarding gate.
(c) The passengers rushed towards the boarding gate and heard the announcement.
(d) The passengers heard the sudden announcement so they rushed towards the boarding gate.

Q2. Completing the training programme successfully, she applied for a higher managerial position.
(a) After completing the training programme successfully, she applied for a higher position.
(b) As she completed the training programme successfully, she applied for a higher managerial position.
(c) She completed the training programme successfully and applied for a higher position.
(d) She completed the training programme successfully and then applied for a higher position.

Q3. Being exhausted after the long journey, the travellers decided to rest at a nearby lodge.
(a) As the travellers were exhausted after the long journey, they decided to rest at a nearby lodge.
(b) The travellers were exhausted after the long journey when they decided to rest at a nearby lodge.
(c) The travellers were exhausted after the long journey and they decided to rest at a nearby lodge.
(d) When exhausted the travellers after the long journey decided to rest?

Q4. Being unfamiliar with the software, the employees required additional training.
(a) The employees were unfamiliar with the software, so they required additional training.
(b) Since the employees were unfamiliar with the software, they required additional training.
(c) Since being unfamiliar with the software, employees required training.
(d) The employees required training when unfamiliar with the software.

Q5. The box was too heavy to be lifted by a single worker.
(a) The box was so heavy that a single worker could not lift it.
(b) The box was so heavy that a single worker cannot lift it.
(c) The box was very heavy so that a single worker could not lift it.
(d) The box was too heavy and a single worker could not lift it.

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Q6. She was too nervous to speak during the interview.
(a) She was too nervous and she could not speak during the interview.
(b) She was very nervous so that she could not speak during the interview.
(c) She was so nervous that she cannot speak during the interview.
(d) She was so nervous that she could not speak during the interview.

Q7. The government launched awareness campaigns to reduce traffic accidents.
(a) The government launched awareness campaigns when traffic accidents reduced.
(b) The government launched awareness campaigns and traffic accidents reduced.
(c) The government launched awareness campaigns so that traffic accidents could be reduced
(d) The government launched awareness campaigns so traffic accidents reduced.

Q8. She saved money to support her higher education abroad.
(a) She saved money because she supported her higher education abroad.
(b) She saved money so that she could support her higher education abroad.
(c) She saved money when supporting her higher education abroad.
(d) She saved money but she supported her higher education abroad.

Q9. Despite facing financial difficulties, the company continued its expansion.
(a) Though the company faced financial difficulties, it continued its expansion.
(b) Because the company faced financial difficulties, it continued expansion.
(c) The company continued expansion when facing financial difficulties.
(d) The company faced financial difficulties, but it continued expansion.

Q10. Despite being inexperienced, the candidate handled the interview confidently.
(a) The candidate handled the interview confidently since he was inexperienced.
(b) Because the candidate was inexperienced, he handled the interview confidently.
(c) The candidate handled the interview confidently, but he was inexperienced.
(d) Although the candidate was inexperienced, he handled the interview confidently.

Q11. Because of heavy rainfall, the match was postponed indefinitely.
(a) Since it rained heavily, the match was postponed indefinitely.
(b) When it rained heavily, the match was postponed indefinitely?
(c) Because the rain is heavy, the match will be postponed indefinitely.
(d) It rained heavily, and the match was postponed indefinitely.

Q12. Because of his dedication, he gained the trust of his colleagues.
(a) When he was dedicated, he gained the trust of his colleagues?
(b) Since he was dedicated, he gained the trust of his colleagues.
(c) He was dedicated, and he gained the trust of his colleagues.
(d) He was dedicated, and so he gained the trust of his colleagues.

Q13. I noticed a child crying near the entrance of the hospital.
(a) I noticed a child who was crying near the entrance of the hospital.
(b) I noticed a child because he was crying near the entrance of the hospital.
(c) I noticed a child which was crying near the entrance of the hospital.
(d) I noticed a child and he was crying near the entrance of the hospital.

Q14. She saw a man running towards the burning building.
(a) She saw a man so he was running towards the burning building.
(b) She saw a man as was running towards the burning building.
(c) She saw a man which was running towards the burning building.

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(d) She saw a man who was running towards the burning building.

Q15. Without following the safety instructions, the workers risk serious injuries.
(a) If the workers do not follow the safety instructions, they risk serious injuries.
(b) The workers do not follow the safety instructions, and they risk serious injuries.
(c) Because the workers do not follow the safety instructions, they risk serious injuries.
(d) The workers do not follow the safety instructions, yet they risk serious injuries.

Q16. Without adequate preparation, the team cannot perform effectively.
(a) The team does not have adequate preparation, and it cannot perform effectively.
(b) The team does not have adequate preparation, but it cannot perform effectively.
(c) Because the team does not have adequate preparation, it cannot perform effectively.
(d) If the team does not have adequate preparation, it cannot perform effectively.

Q17. She received the phone call at the time of attending an important meeting.
(a) She received the phone call when she was attending an important meeting.
(b) She received the phone call because she was attending an important meeting.
(c) She received the phone call and she was attending an important meeting.
(d) She received the phone call but she was attending an important meeting.

Q18. The power went out at the time of conducting the online examination.
(a) The power went out and the online examination was being conducted.
(b) The power went out because the online examination was being conducted.
(c) The power went out during the conduction of the online examination.
(d) The power went out when the online examination was being conducted.

Q19. It was a magnificent monument.
(a) The monument was magnificent when I saw it.
(b) It was a monument and it was magnificent.
(c) It was a monument which was magnificent.
(d) It was a monument because it was magnificent.

Q20. She bought a comfortable chair.
(a) She bought a chair which was comfortable.
(b) She bought a chair because it was comfortable.
(c) She bought a chair, and it was comfortable.
(d) She bought a chair although it was uncomfortable.

Answers

1.	**(a)**	**2.**	**(b)**	**3.**	**(a)**	**4.**	**(b)**	**5.**	**(a)**
6.	**(d)**	**7.**	**(c)**	**8.**	**(b)**	**9.**	**(a)**	**10.**	**(d)**
11.	**(a)**	**12.**	**(b)**	**13.**	**(a)**	**14.**	**(d)**	**15.**	**(a)**
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